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LAMPOONING THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Arthur does not want the presi-
dency. Recently—very recently—he has
come to the conclusion that it has no
charm for him. He is tired of political
life, tired of his joys, perplexities and
disappointments. He is seeking rest and
so soon as his present lease of the White
House shall have expired he will return
to the sanctity of private life which he so
ardently desires. Back to the classic
shades of New York he will go—to the
scenes of his boyhood—to the arms of
his boyhood companions—to Steve French,
Johnny O'Brien and Tom Platt, to spend
the evening of his life making the boys
lay down a five full with a bob-tail flush.
—Omaha Republican.

There is not a man in all Ne-
braska, let his politics be what they may,
who will not feel his cheeks burning with
indignant shame that any paper in this
state should indulge in such mean, mal-
icious and uncalled-for slurs upon the
president of the United States. In every
line a white-livered lie and in every
sentence a cowardly stab. Can anything
be more despicable or villainous? What
is there that Chester A. Arthur has said
or done that could justify such indecent
assaults at this time? Where is there
another paper, in all America, democratic
or republican, that has treated the president
so shamefully? What provocation has the
Republican for its course? There certainly
has been nothing said by any man or paper
friendly to the president that could in the
least palliate much less justify such ven-
omous lampooning.

There has been no attempt in any
quarter to defame or belittle the Repub-
lican's preferred candidate for President.
On the contrary, James G. Blaine has
received the most courteous and generous
treatment from every republican editor
or paper whatever may have been their
preferences.

There has been a disposition mani-
fested on all hands to respect the choice
of every man who is willing to rally under
republican colors in the coming national
campaign. The Republican alone of all
party journals has shown a malignant,
bitter and relentless spirit of partisan-
ship and factionalism that cannot fail to
repel and disgust thinking men of all
factions. So far as Chester A. Arthur is
concerned he needs no defense at our
hands. Every republican convention
from Maine to Oregon has endorsed his
conciliatory conservatism clean
handed and economic administration.
Whether he is endorsed at Chicago by a
nomination or returned to private life at
the end of his term, every fair minded
man will concede that he made a digni-
fied and safe chief magistrate. Whoever
may be nominated at Chicago, will need
the support of all republicans, and last but
not least, the active and cordial coopera-
tion of Chester A. Arthur and his ad-
ministration.

The refusal of the Iowa democrats at
the recent convention to take up the fight
against prohibition is pretty significant.
It shows that the large element in the
party which has always been secretly or
openly opposed to taking any position on
the liquor question has at last got control.
When the convention to nominate candi-
dates meets next fall, this element may
again be in subject, but in the mean-
time the effect of the action at Burlington
will not be lost. The fact that a demo-
cratic convention refused to adopt even
the mildest kind of a denunciation of
the prohibitory law is not to be effaced
by any kind of a declaration hereafter.
The surprising news fell like
a wet-blanket on the Germans
who had looked forward to a ringing
plank of opposition right on the heels of
adoption of the law. It will be difficult
to again arouse their enthusiasm after
such a disappointment. The result will
be a great injury to the democratic cause
in the wicked river counties, though pos-
sibly some slight advantage may accrue
in the truly good "alough water" districts,
where prohibition is strongest. It seems
to be a settled fact that the democrats
can always be relied upon to do the
craziest possible thing at the worst pos-
sible moment for their interest. Where
the republicans, as in Iowa, have not had
wit enough to escape hurting their cause,
the democrats are always sure to rectify
their opponents mistakes.

The ground upon which Judge Poland,
of Vermont, and a number of the house
judiciary committee opposed woman's
suffrage was stated in his report. He
said, "the office and duty which nature
devolved upon woman during all the active
and vigorous portion of her life would
often render it impossible and still more
indicate, for her to appear and act in
casualties, conventions or elections, or to
act as member of the legislature, or as
juror or judge. I cannot bring myself
to believe that any large portion of the
intelligent women of this country desire
any such thing granted, or they would
perform any such duties if chance offered
them." This expresses the whole matter
in a very few words. As long as men
clear-headed enough to put the situation
so tersely are on the judiciary committee,
we fear the gentle Susan and her able
companions will beseech in vain.

Another delegation claimed for Blaine
with "hollering" and brass bands has
been pretty definitely settled to be in
reality for Arthur. This is the delegation
from Dakota. The Blaine men seem to
be having all the fun in this contest, but
Arthur is getting the delegates.

AFTER a very protracted struggle the
appointment of ex-Senator McDill, as
railroad commissioner of Iowa, has been
confirmed by the executive council. It
is conceded on all hands that Mr. McDill's
appointment was brought about by the
railroad influence, and his confirmation,
in spite of popular remonstrance, will be
regarded as the triumph of monopoly.
Unfortunately the opponents of Mc-
Dill had committed themselves to the

support and retention of Major Ander-
son who was as much of a monopolist as
McDill, but had been discarded by the
railroads because he had become un-
manageable since his defeat for congress
two years ago. The attempt to make
Anderson a martyr in the cause of anti-
monopoly—in the face of his past record
is simply ridiculous. It is not the nature
of the leopard to change his spots, but
you can change them with a paint brush.
From our standpoint it does not make
much difference who the members of the
Iowa railroad commission are.

The Iowa railroad commission was
begotten by the railroad monopolies as a
scap to the granger element who were
clamoring for legislative relief from le-
galized and chartered highway robbery.
The commission was short of all power
for good or ill, and could do nothing
more practical than to draw its members
salaries. It was a sham and a fraud from
the beginning, and it will remain an
imposition on the people of
Iowa until it is abolished.

ISAAC NEWTON ARNOLD, who died in
Chicago Thursday afternoon, was a man
of remarkable and distinguished career.
He played a very important part in the
early political history of the state, and
was one of the founders of the Republican
party. He settled in Chicago in 1836,
when 21 years of age, and continued a
prominent figure in the history of the
city to his death. In his early life he
became imbued with the principles of
the Abolitionists, and in 1848 supported
the "Free Soil" movement in the West.
Owing to his efforts Cook county was
carried by the Free soilers by a large
majority and the foundation of the ag-
gressive antagonism to slavery which
brought about the nomination of Lincoln
was laid. In 1842 he had been elected a
member of the Illinois Legislature and
was returned again in 1855. He was an early
friend of Abraham Lincoln, worked hard
for his nomination in 1860, and to him,
as much as to any one man, belongs the
honor of that achievement. The same
year he was elected to Congress, and con-
tinued throughout the war to serve in the
lower house as the able and energetic
supporter of all the president's measures,
at the same time advising and supporting
Mr. Lincoln as his private friend. At the
time when Lincoln was assassinated, Mr.
Arnold was about to be appointed United
States Attorney for the District of Colum-
bia. President Johnson gave him the
auditorium of the postoffice department,
but soon becoming disgusted with the
administration he resigned and withdrew
to private life in Chicago. Soon after he
published a life of Abraham Lincoln
which will always be a standard work.
He followed it with a life of Benedict
Arnold, not so well known. During the
last years of his life, his time was devoted
to his profession, the law, and to literary
studies and research. He was a man of
rare ability, conscientiousness and activi-
ty.

The Omaha Bee, the self-constituted
champion of the laboring man, is now
advertising for non-union printers, its
employees being on a strike. There is
not an office in Omaha in which printers
do not make better wages and receive
better treatment at the hands of their
employers than in the Bee. A year
never passed without trouble between its
management and employees.—Papillon
Times.

We never expect fair treatment from
"Cheap John" railroad organs, and whip-
per-snappers that never cease to bark at
our heels every time there is a chance.
There have been just three printer's
strikes in the Bee office in thirteen years,
and two of these were general strikes
among all the printers in Omaha. There
never was any just complaint among
printers or any other class of employes
in this office as to their treatment.
The only differences have been about
wages. It is also notorious that
the highest salaries and wages of any
newspaper office in Nebraska. It never
has used plates, excepting during strikes,
and it never discriminated against union
men, nor did it even black-list and refuse
to re-employ men who had struck.
Whenever any trouble has arisen, the
wretched sheets that consider themselves
rivals or competitors of The Bee
have fanned the smoldering fire of
discontent into flames, and sought to
profit by the temporary disturbance.
Wherever a reasonable demand has been
made by printers, it has cheerfully been
granted. When strikes were precipitated
by designing fellows who wanted to start
newspapers of their own, as was the case
last summer, the strike was resisted as
a matter of justice as well as of self pres-
ervation. The present strike was brought
about by a set of tramps and bums.
They have made demands in violation of
the principles of their own union, and
have forced a strike in the name of the
union without complying with their con-
stitution, which requires such questions
to be submitted to a vote of all its mem-
bers after due notice. We have adver-
tised for non-union printers simply be-
cause union printers were notified not to
accept work in this office. What would
any other paper have done under the
circumstances? We say this much not
for the benefit of the Union Pacific hand-
organist at Papillon, but for the infor-
mation of those who might be disposed
to credit the falsehoods that are put in
circulation concerning the strike.

Close of the Opera Season.
New York, April 25.—The closing of
the Italian opera season at the Academy
of Music to-night, was the occasion of an
ovation to Patti and Schioldi. They
were frequently recalled. Patti sang
"Home, Sweet Home," creating unbound-
ed enthusiasm. Mapleson, in response to
calls for a speech, promised a brilliant
season next year.

CITY WALKS AND TALKS.

"Judge, you remember the Indian scare
of 1884, do you not?" asked the Big Man
about Town of Judge John R. Porter, ex-
police judge of Omaha, who is now a resident
of Arizona, but at present visiting friends in
this city. "I should say so," he replied; "I
had the honor of commanding a cavalry com-
pany during that brief but stormy campaign."
"As you give us a little sketch of that cam-
paign," "Certainly, so far as I took part in
it," said he. "It was in the summer of 1884
that the scare occurred. It extended all over
the territory. Soon after the destruction of
Lawrence, Kansas, by Quantrill's band, sev-
eral persons in Omaha received anonymous
letters, warning them to look out for a similar
attack. This caused some little uneasiness.
A considerable amount of money and valuables
had been sent to Omaha for safe-keeping, and
the banks at that time held more than the usual
amount of money. Some of the citizens feared
that the guerillas disguised as Indians might
make a raid on